

Vendor Q&A's TOR Amendment 01

Question 1

H.2 KEY PERSONNEL

The number of key positions seems small for an effort of this size. Are the offerors required to propose for these key positions. Is there any flexibility?

Answer 2

Yes. The positions listed in H.2 are the mandatory minimum personnel who shall be designated as "Key." The contractor shall propose appropriate labor categories for these positions. The Government encourages and will evaluate additional Key Personnel as proposed by the offeror.

Question 2

Section L, Section M

L10.5.1 Technical Approach (Topic 1) M3.1 Factor 1: Technical Approach

The first subfactor is "Understanding of DC3/DCFL mission" ... Since the scope of this procurement is for the support of all DC3, shouldn't the wording be "Understanding of DC3 mission" ...

Answer 2

Yes. See Change Pages (Paragraphs L.10.5.1 and M.3.1)

Question 3

Section L, Section M

L10.5.1 Technical Approach (Topic 1) M3.1 Factor 1: Technical approach

Please define "political" in the context of sub-factor 1

Answer 3

That word has been deleted. See Change Pages (Paragraphs L.10.5.1 and M.3.1)

Question 4

Section L

L.10.5.1-Technical Approach

Will an IMS need to be provided for the transition plan?

Answer 4

If by IMS, you mean an Integrated Master Schedule, TOR Paragraph L.10.5.1 directs the offerors to “explain their rationale for how to accomplish the plan (including proposed schedule(s) and milestones)”.

Question 5

Transmittal Letter

To allow adequate time to review pertinent documentation, we request that the reading room dates be extended through December 6. Also allowing photocopying portions of the material in order to allow non-incumbents equal access to materials as the incumbents.

Answer 5

The answer to both requests is no.

Question 6

Section B

B.7.1 Base Period

This information is required for the contractor to determine if they are within the range provided in the Section L.5 as the TOR requires they provide a justification if they are not within the range. The total estimated CPFF/FFP of the TO is between \$446 million and \$496 million, including all transition costs, fees, ODCs, and Travel. We recommend that the Government specify the amounts by CLIN for the Travel, Tools, and ODCs CLINs to support consistent proposal evaluation. For CLINs X004, X005, and X006 the TOR states that the Ceiling amount to be entered by government. Will the government provide the ceiling values for the CLIN?

Answer 6

Please see change pages for updated paragraph B.7.1 that contains ceiling values for these CLINs.

Question 7

Section B and C

B.7.1 Base Period and C.6.8 Task Area 8

CLIN X003 requires the contractor to estimate the cost to provide Surge Services as required by Section C.6.8. The information provided in the TOR Section C.6.8 does not provide enough details on the estimated number of times the contractor can expect to be required to provide on-

call services or emergency technical support. QUESTION: Can the government provide metrics or estimates on the anticipated volumes or provide a plug number for this CLIN?

Answer 7

Please see change pages for updated paragraph B.7.1 that contains estimated hours for the surge CLINs.

Question 8

Section L and Section J

L.7 and Section J, Attachment J

In the TOR there is a spot for Attachment J – Negotiated Task Order Ceiling Rates. In Section L.7.1 there is no instructions on what the contractor is to provide or where to provide this information. QUESTION: Will the contractor be required to proposed Task Order Ceiling Rates for each labor category at the time of submission or will this information be provided after time of award? If required at time of submission please provide instructions on what the contractor is required to submit with the offer.

Answer 8

Yes, the contractor shall provide this information in Section B under Labor Category, hours, and hourly rate. The Section J attachment will be filled in after award by the FEDSIM Contracting Office based on the information provided by the awardee in Section B. Refer to Section L for the instructions on what is to be provided with the offer.

Question 9

H7.2 Security Clearances

Line number 2,4,7,8

The title of the key personnel differs from the title used in H.2. Assuming these are the same, please update H7.2 to reflect the titles in H.2

Answer 9

Please see updated paragraph H.7.2 that reflects the titles in H.2.

Question 10

Section L

L.6 and L.7.1

Page L-3 of the RFP under Section L.6 "Submission of Offers", there is instruction that the Cost/Price proposal shall contain a list of sections. On Pages L-5 and L-6, Section L.7.1 "Cost/Price Proposal Tabs" those sections are described. Beginning at "h.", the sections indicated on L-3 and the sections indicated on L-6 don't correspond. Example "Tab H" on page L-3 is "Cost Explanation" however "Tab H" on page L-6 is "Current Forward Pricing Agreements". Also, page L-6 list two additional tabs not indicated on page L-3.

Answer 10

The table on Page L-3 has been changed to reflect the requirements On Pages L-5 and L-6, Section L.7.1 "Cost/Price Proposal Tabs". Please see change page

Question 11

Section L

L.7

On page L-4, Indirect Rate Review. The bidder is directed to show historical indirect rates for the last five years inclusive of appropriate explanations for any major increases and decreases in rates between years. What constitutes a major increase or decrease?

Answer 11

A major increase or decrease would be one that would require DCAA review.

Question 12

Section F

F.4 Place of Performance

Section F.4 states that "The Government anticipates the addition of other DC3 facilities in Anne Arundel County Maryland during the period of performance of this Task Order."

Question: When does the Government anticipate the new facility opening? What areas of DC3 does the Government plan on expanding into the new facility? What is the planned capacity of the new facility?

Answer 12

There is no definitive schedule at this point. For proposal purposes, the Government anticipates that the new facility will be within the general commuting range of the current facility and therefore should not have a major impact on the personnel assigned to the contract.

Question 13

Section I

L.2 FAR Clauses incorporated by ref

Question: FAR 52.204-10 Reporting Exec Compensation is not required for Contracts with a DD 254. I think we need to ask why it's in the TOR or include an assumption that it doesn't apply.

Answer 13

The Alliant Contract is not classified, nor is this Task Order. Therefore this exemption does not apply.

Question 14

L.5

Please specify the Task Order start date of the period of performance for pricing purposes.

Answer 14

For proposal pricing purposes, please assume a Task Order start date of 20 January 2012.

Question 15

There is appearance of conflict in the sections that address security clearance requirements. TOR Section H.7.1 states all contractor personnel working in a SCIF are required to have the following; Undergone a SSBI or SSBI-PR within the last 5 years, favorably adjudicated; Have no break, greater than 24 months, in military service, Fed Civ employment, or access to classified info under the Industrial Security Program; Possesses a current Top Secret security determination; and possess a Sensitive Compartmented Information (SCI) determination reflected in JPAS. In Section L.8.1 Project Staffing Plan tables call for "all personnel assigned to this TO will meet the requirements of the Alliant Contract prior to assignment. All personnel assigned to this TO will meet the requirements of the TO, including security clearance requirements prior to starting work. In addition, all Key Personnel shall have the required

security clearances at the time of proposal.” In that SCI clearances are held by the Agency or Department in which the person works, and when no longer required they are debriefed out of the program, there are many exceptional candidates who are currently SCI eligible and able to immediately assume a SCI billet as available. We request the government consider changing the requirement to “key Personnel must have a TS clearance and be SCI eligible at the time of proposal submission.” We believe that this would meet all the requirements of DC3 and provide a balanced and fair playing field for healthy competition and thus the best value to the government.

Answer 15

Section H.7.1 defines the Security Requirements for all personnel and requires personnel to: “Possess a Sensitive Compartmented Information determination reflected in JPAS.”

Section H.7.2 defines personnel security requirements by position and/or section. Personnel working in an area requiring SCI Access must have a positive SCI determination reflected in JPAS and/or Scattered Castles.

Personnel that do not have an SCI Determination in JPAS/Scattered Castles) will require adjudication from AFCAF. The adjudication process takes approximately 90 to 180 days to complete. The processing time required would eliminate any overlap with the current incumbent and would leave DC3 incapable of accomplishing its current mission requirements.

Question 16

Related to the above question, in addition to JPAS, will the government allow/accept SCI clearances held in SCATTERED Castles or other like data bases?

Answer 16

Yes, Scattered Castles will/can be used to verify Security clearances. (see change page including paragraph H.7.1 SECURITY REQUIREMENTS)

Question 17

Page B-2, Section B.7.1.1 BASE PERIOD:

Labor Hour

It appears that there is a labor category by hour table remnant in the Section B under the CPFF labor CLIN table. Was it the Governments intent to completely delete the table?

Answer 17

This Table shall be filled out by the offeror for each Task Order year.

Question 18

Page B-7, Section B.12.1 INDIRECT/ MATERIAL HANDLING RATE

If no rate is specified in the basic contract, none shall be applied in this TO.

The Alliant contract does not include any fixed indirect rates or indirect ceiling rates. The Prime Contract does not exclude the application of any indirect burdens on ODCs. Alliant allows Contractors to propose their indirect rates consistent with their cost accounting system, provisional billing rates, and forward pricing rate agreements.

Please delete this sentence as it does not apply to the Alliant contract.

Answer 18

A proposed rate shall be provided where called for in the section B tables.

Question 19

Page B-7, Section B.13.1 INCREMENTAL FUNDING LIMITATION OF GOVERNMENT'S OBLIGATION

Reference Incremental Funding Chart for CPFF

The TOR is silent on whether fee may be charged for CLINs 4, 5, and 6, however the chart in B13.1 has column entries for fee.

Please define fee expectations for the ODC, Tools, and Travel CLINs

Answer 19

The fee allowances are defined in the Alliant Basic.

Question 20**Page G-2, Section G.9.6.1.2 FIRM-FIXED-PRICE (FFP) CLINS**

The contractor may invoice as stated in Section B for the FFP CLINs.

Section B does not define payment terms for the FFP CLINs.

We interpret Section B.7.1.1 to indicate that we are proposing 1 lot of PM Support and 1 lot of Help Desk Support that will be invoiced monthly at 1/12th of the total FFP price per CLIN.

Is that correct?

Answer 20

Yes.

Question 21**Page L-4, Section L.7 SUBMISSION OF THE WRITTEN COST/PRICE PROPOSAL (PART I)**

The offeror shall submit all proposed costs using Microsoft Excel software utilizing the formats without cells locked and include all formulas.

What version of Microsoft Excel should be used to generate the proposed costs?

Answer 21

FEDSIM currently uses Excel 2007. Please provide your submission in a compatible version that will allow FEDSIM to view and evaluate the proposal.

Question 22**Page L-4, Section L.7 Indirect Rate Review**

The offeror shall break out all proposed indirect rates (unburdened), by contract line item, and by each fiscal year

We assume that the fiscal year is the contractor fiscal year to align with the contractor's indirect rate proposal. Is that assumption correct?

Answer 22

Yes.

Question 23**Section L**

Does the Government intend to videotape the presentation?

Answer 23

No.

Question 24**Section I**

I.2 FAR Clauses incorporated by reference

Question: FAR 52.204-10 Reporting Exec Compensation is not required for Contracts with a DD 254. Request the government clarify if this will apply to this task order?

Answer 24

See answer to question 13.

Question 25**Section C, Section F C.6.3.14.2 SUBTASK 3.14.2 Quality Management**

Page C-24 makes a reference to Section F, Deliverable 23 however in Section F, Deliverable 23 is blank. Please clarify if there is a Deliverable 23 and if so what are the requirements?

Answer 25

Please see change page (Section C.6.3.14.2 and Deliverables Table).

Question 26**Section I FAR 52.217-8 Option to Extend Contract**

Clause Allows CO to extend Contract by up to 6 months. How much advance notification of Government intent to extend contract POP do we need ? It's a blank in the clause to be filled in. 30 days? 60?

Answer 26

As stated in Section I: Fill-In Date: 30 days Prior to expiration of Task Order 30 days.

Question 27

Section H.7.1, H.7.2, L.8.1, L.8.2 and M.3 Security Considerations and Project Staffing Plan Table

Section H.7.1 of the TOR states:

The contractor shall meet the Government personnel security, information security and physical security requirements at Contractor sites, Government CONUS and OCONUS facilities.

Specifically, the Contractor shall have a current Top Secret facility clearance. Additionally, all contractor personnel working in a SCIF are required to have the following:

- a. Have undergone an SSBI or SSBI-PR within the last five (5) years that was favorably adjudicated;
- b. Have no break, greater than 24 months, in military service, federal civilian employment or access to classified information under the Industrial Security Program;
- c. Possess a current Top Secret security determination;
- d. Possess a Sensitive Compartmented Information determination reflected in JPAS.

Section L.8.1 Project Staffing Plan Table states:

The offeror shall provide a Project Staffing Plan Table in accordance with the Project Staffing Plan Table Template (Section J, Attachment N). The submission shall contain all individuals that will be working on this effort. All Key Personnel proposed shall be available to begin work immediately on the Project Start Date indicated in Section F.5 of this solicitation.

The offeror shall represent the following:

All personnel assigned to this TO will meet the requirements of the Alliant Contract prior to assignment.

All personnel assigned to this TO will meet the requirements of the TO, including security clearance requirements prior to starting work. In addition, all Key Personnel shall have the required security clearance at time of proposal.

There appears to be a conflict between these 2 sections. As the Government is aware, SCI clearances are granted by Agency, and in some cases, by specific Offices within these Agencies. If an otherwise SCI eligible employee no longer works for this Agency or Office, their SCI clearance is oftentimes administratively deactivated; their eligibility is not affected and they are therefore they are for all intents and purposes remain "SCI" cleared.

Comment: We request that the government amend the language of TOR Sections L.8.1, L.8.2, and M.3 to read "All Key Personnel specified below are required to have a Top Secret security clearance with SCI, SAP, and SAR eligibility at time of submission of the proposal". This is critical for fairness to all offerors, otherwise the incumbent contractor would have a significant advantage over the other offerors

Question: Will the government accept SCI clearance confirmation in SCATTERED CASTLES, or similar database in addition to JPAS?

Answer 27

See answer to questions 15 and 16.

Question 28

Section L.10.5.4, M.3.4

Corporate Experience

In order to demonstrate that the offeror has the corporate experience needed to perform successfully on this program; it is imperative that each major subcontractor be allowed to submit a corporate experience since they will be critical for successful program performance. We request the government revise the solicitation to allow up to four projects: at least two from the prime, and one from each of the major subcontractor. Alternatively if the government wishes to limit to 3 projects, please revise the solicitation to allow 1 from the prime and up to 2 from major subcontractors. The definition of a major subcontractor is typically a company that is performing greater than 20% of the work-scope or performing a mission critical activity.

Answer 28

Sections L.10.5.4 and M.3.4 requirements will not be changed.

Question 29

Can you please verify whether or not you will be providing an amendment that includes the Government's estimate for Tools and ODCs?

Answer 29

Please see answer to Question 8.

Question 30

Clause 52.211-11 in Alliant, Liquidated Damages, Supplies, Services, or R&D

This clause applies only to FFP. Because DC3 is predominately CPFF work, please confirm whether this is applicable to DC3.

Answer 30

Applies to FFP portion only.

Question 31
TOR C.6.3.2
Government Sharepoint

Will the winning bidder have access to the Government Sharepoint on day 1?

Answer 31

Yes based on the proper security clearance/s and Non-Disclosure Agreement/s having been signed. Usually it takes personnel at least a day to in-process so it may not be on Day 1.

Question 32

C.6.1.5.2 IT Financial Management Support and H.9.2 Non Disclosure Requirements
Potential OCI:

The contractor shall assist with the development, prioritization, and input of the draft DC3 annual Operations and Maintenance (O&M), Research, Development Test and Evaluation (RDT&E) and Other Procurement budgets (Section F, Deliverable 14).

The contractor shall assist with the development, consolidation, and submittal of statistical/financial analysis, financial plans/strategies, budget execution reviews, and unfunded requirements for DC3 Executive Director review and approval (Section F, Deliverable 15). The contractor shall review financial data to identify potential shortfalls and problem areas and report any risks to DC3 management (Section F, Deliverable 16).

The contractor shall assist DC3 in budget planning and execution by reviewing

Based on the Government response to due diligence question #16, pertaining to a potential OCI concern related to TOR Section C.6.1.5.2 IT Financial Management Support, are the NDA's referenced in Section H.9.2, and included in Section J Attachment F, required only for the persons working on C.6.1.5.2? Or is an NDA required for all DC3 personnel working on DC3 after award?

Will the awardee be tasked to provide budgetary advice or recommendations in accordance with C.6.1.5.2?

Answer 32

Signed NDAs are required for all personnel whose position requires access to proprietary information or budget information on this Task Order. Yes the awardee will be tasked to provide the support described in C.6.1.5.2.

Question 33
Alliant Base Contract Section H.8

Alliant GWAC states that Individual Orders will specify whether Status of Forces Agreements (SOFAs) for foreign jurisdictions will apply and will be processed for foreign tax exemption purposes.

Are SOFA requirements applicable to DC3?

Answer 33

Yes, contractor personnel traveling OCONUS will adhere to Status of Forces Agreements where applicable. Personnel usually travel and return within a seven day period, and foreign tax exemption processing is not required.

Question 34

Special Clause for Open Source Software

There will be Free and Open Source Software (FOSS) on the DC3 Task Order, none of the FAR or DFARS Clauses on TOR apply specifically to FOSS

Would the Government consider addition of a special clause that addresses FOSS?

Recommendation as follows:

Rights in open source software and open source software documentation; authorization and consent.

(a) The contractor and its subcontractors may procure and incorporate into the products delivered under this contract open source software and open source software documentation. The Government shall have only the rights specified in the license under which the Government or its contractor at any tier licensed the open source software or open source software documentation.

(b) Pursuant to 28 USC 1498(b), the Government authorizes and consents to all use, reproduction, distribution, performance, display, modification or creation of derivative works of such open source software or open source software documentation in performance of this contract or any subcontract at any tier.

Answer 34

The Government elects not to add this language to this Task Order. Please see Section I for all clauses applicable to this Task Order.

Question 35

H.19 EVMS (Alliant Contract)

EVMS is required in the Alliant but not in DC3 TOR. Is EVMS required for DC3?

Answer 35

No.

Question 36

Incumbent's Transition Out Plan

Will the Incumbent's Transition-Out Plan be provided to the winning bidder after award? If yes, when?

Answer 36

There are contractors working under multiple contracts on work that will transition to this Task Order. For contract work being performed under the current FEDSIM-managed Answer Task order, the answer is Yes. It is anticipated that the Incumbent's Transition-Out Plan will be available and provided to the winning bidder immediately after award.

Question 37

TOR C.6.1.7 Subtask 1.6 -- Transition In

The contractor shall ensure that there will be minimum service disruption to vital Government business and no service degradation during and after transition. The contractor shall update their proposed draft Transition In Plan within 5 Government work days of award. (Section F, Deliverable 25)

When do we deliver the draft Transition-In Plan that requires update 5 days after award?

Answer 37

This is part of the oral presentation (See paragraph L.10.5.1)

Question 38

TOR L.7 Submission of Written Cost/Price Proposal (Part I)

Page L-5 second bullet Award Fee Review: The offeror shall break out all proposed award fees and clearly delineate the cost base in which the fee percentages are applied.

Since there is no Award Fee component in this Task Order Proposal, should the paragraph L.7 bullet pertaining to Award Fee be deleted?

Answer 38

Yes. See Change Page.

Question 39

TOR Section L.6 Submission of Offers

Part II instructions, shouldn't the 2nd bullet refer to Section J, Attachment L (Not N) for the Project Staffing Plan Table; and 3rd bullet should refer to Section J-M (not O)?

Answer 39

Yes. See Change Page (paragraph L.6).

Question 40

TOR Section L.3 Submission of Questions

Para 1 Sentence 3 has an incomplete sentence. "Note of not cost reimbursable do not need."

This sentence is out of context; please clarify.

Answer 40

This typographical error was in paragraph L.7 (please see change page).

Question 41

TOR Section I FAR 52.227-21 Technical Data Declaration, Revision, and Withholding of Payment -- Major Systems

Clause text states that: This clause is not used in DoD Contracts per the following authority:

DFARS 227.400 Scope of subpart. DoD activities shall use the guidance in Subparts 227.71 and 227.72 instead of the guidance in FAR Subpart 27.4.

Because the DC3 solicitation is DoD, does this clause apply to DC3?

Answer 41

Clauses 52.227-15, 52.227-17 and 52.227-21 have been deleted. Please see change page.

Question 42

Section C.6.2 Task Area 2 – Help Desk and User Support (CLIN 0002)

Help Desk and User Support (CLIN 0002) requires “in-person daily technical support services required to support the Help Desk on a 12 hours a day, 5 days a week basis”.

Does the Government require both Tier 1 and Tier 2 support 12 hours a day, 5 days a week?

Answer 42

Yes Tier 1 and Tier 2 support are required 12 hours a day, 5 days a week.

Question 43

L-3, L.6 L7.1 h, j, k, Cost Explanation (TAB H)

Section L 6 lists the tabs for Part I and ends with the referenced text. Section L7.1 defines Tab H differently and adds two more tabs. We assume that Section L7.1 h, j, k are correct. Is that the correct assumption?

Answer 43

Section L 6 has been changed to be consistent with Section L.7.1 Please see change page.

Question 44

L-5 L.7.1 c., Cost/Price Supporting Documentation (Tab C).

The offeror shall prepare one summary schedule (Section B)

Clarification: Does the Government want the data in from Section B to be compiled in a single table for inclusion in Tab C?

Answer 44

Yes, separated by Task Order year.

Question 45

L-5 L.7.1 c., Cost/Price Supporting Documentation (Tab C).

In reference to the Total Not-To-Exceed Amount for each CLIN and the Total Not-To-Exceed Price offered.

Does the requirement "Total Not-to-Exceed Amount" only apply to CLINs xxx4, xxx5, and xxx6? Does the government want the proposed price for each of the FFP and CPFF CLINs presented in the requested table?

Answer 45

Yes.

Question 46

G.9.6.1 Invoice Requirements

This paragraph states that the Contractor may invoice the fixed fee on a monthly basis. The monthly fixed fee invoiced shall be proportionate to the amount of labor expended for the month

invoiced. Will the Government allow the Contractor to bill the fixed fee CLINS not in proportion to the labor?

Answer 46

No. No advance fee will be allowed.

Question 47

G.9.6.2 Firm-Fixed (FFP) Price CLINS

There is a note that states “Cost incurred not billed”. Will the Government provide some clarification on this note as this typically relates to Cost Plus CLINS and not to Firm-Fixed Price CLINS?

Answer 47

This bullet was deleted. See change page.

Question 48

G.9.6.1.1 Monthly Invoices on CPFF

This paragraph lists the billing rate as proposed in the cost proposal, corresponding Alliant Task Rate and Fixed Fee as requirements on the CPFF Invoices. We would be billing actual costs and not a specific proposed rate or the corresponding Alliant Task Rate. Can the Government please provide clarification on this?

Answer 48

Invoices shall be submitted in accordance with the instructions in this section.

Question 49

L.7 Direct Labor Rate Review

This paragraph states “The offeror shall include the base labor rate (unburdened) for all proposed labor categories and all projected rates for all out years”. Does the Government want direct labor identified by Contract Year, Government Fiscal Year, or Contractor Fiscal Year?

Answer 49

By Task Order Year.

Question 50

L.7 Indirect Rate Review

This paragraph states “The offeror shall break out all proposed indirect rates by CLIN and by each fiscal year”. Does the Government mean Government Fiscal Year (OCT – SEP) or the Contractor’s Fiscal Year? Please Clarify

Answer 50

Contractor Fiscal Year or as audited by DCAA.

Question 51

L.7 Award Fee Review

This paragraph states “The offeror shall break out all proposed award fees and clearly delineate the cost base in which the fee percentages apply”. Does the Government mean Award Fee from the Government to the Prime? Or does the Government intend for the Offeror to provide a break out of the Award Fee intended for subcontractors under agreements between the prime and the subcontractors? Please Clarify.

Answer 51

See Change Page. This bullet was deleted.

Question 52

Section J Attachment F

Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA)

Will signatures on the NDA in Section J Attachment F serve as a sufficient firewall so as to protect the contractor and subcontractors from OCI concerns if they work on Section C.6.1.5.2 IT Financial Management Support?

Answer 52

Signed NDAs are required for all personnel whose position requires access to proprietary or budget information on this Task Order. It would be impossible for the Government to determine at this point what will be sufficient to prevent any OCI concerns for future procurements.

Question 53

Section C

Transition Plan and Implementation

It appears that the Transition Plan is to be developed on CLIN 0001. With the exception of Program/Transition Management, is the execution of transition implementation to be bid on CLIN 0003?

Answer 53

Program management support is included under CLIN x001. Specific transition implementation on CLIN x003 tasks shall be proposed and billed under CLIN x003.

Question 54

Section C.5.1 Scope

The contractor shall be required to travel to CONUS and OCONUS sites to provide evidence examination and to provide testimony in court proceedings.

Will there be OCONUS travel to war hazard zones such as Iraq or Afghanistan? Or other level 5 countries such as Somalia? If yes, should the proposal include estimated Hazard pay, Defense Base Act insurance, and other premiums related to this type of travel? Also, if yes, who will provide security and protection for the contractor personnel?

Answer 54

DC3 will not require contractor personnel to travel OCONUS to the Afghanistan Theatre of Operations (ATO) or Iraq Theatre of Operations (ITO) or any other locations which would require Hazardous Duty Pay etc.

Question 55

Section L

Paper size for hardcopy slides

In the interest of ease in Government evaluation, would it be permissible to submit hardcopies of the presentation slides on 11x17 paper, with ample area designated and available for TEB evaluators notes and comments, as long as the requirement for presented slides adheres to the Section L type size and font restrictions? No additional proposal material beyond the presented slides themselves would be placed on the hardcopy.

Answer 55

No.

Question 56

Site Visit Handouts

Will the Government provide updated organizational charts for DC3 to include Futures Exploration (FX), which was omitted from the handout during the site visit?
Section L

Answer 56

Yes. Please see attachment.

Question 57

L.6 Submission of Offers

The first paragraph of this section states: All proposal materials shall use Times New Roman font of at least font size 12. The only exception to this will be charts and graphs which may use font size 10.

While the above states that Times New Roman shall be used for all proposal material, the last paragraph of Section L.6 states: “Part I and Part II [oral presentation] proposals shall not contain any fonts smaller than a proportionally spaced font (such as Times New Roman) of at least 12 point for text, and no less than 10 point for any text as part of graphics.

Question: Which requirement takes precedence for the oral presentation material (electronic slides)?

Recommendation: We recommend that slide material may use any proportional font of no less than 12 point for ease of visibility and legibility. Written material and narrative text shall use Times New Roman font of at least 12 points. Graphics, chart/slide bulleted text, tables, figures, and matrices may use any proportional font of no less than 10 point.

We believe this to be in the Government’s best interest for increased ease of evaluation of projected materials because they can be easily read by the TEB members, regardless of their distance from the projection screen. This recommendation does not conflict with FEDSIM standards.

Answer 57

Electronic slides requirement takes precedence for the oral presentation material. For the font sizes See answer to question 58

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Answer 58

The Government accepts the recommendation that slide material may use any proportional font of no less than 12 point for ease of visibility and legibility. Written material and narrative text shall use Times New Roman font of at least 12 points. Graphics, chart/slide bulleted text, tables, figures, and matrices may use any proportional font of no less than 10 point.

See Change Page (Paragraph L.6)